EXHIBIT A

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PLYMOUTH, ss.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT OF THE
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CIVIL ACTION NO. (3-03-4)

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CIVIL ACTION COVER SHEET INSTRUCTIONS SELECT CATEGORY THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CASE

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* REAL PROPERTY

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*Claims against the Commonwealth or a municipality are type E03, Average Track, cases.
**Claims filed by the Commonwealth pursuant to G L c 94C, s 47 Forfeiture cases are type E95, Fast track.

TRANSFER YOUR SELECTION TO THE FACE SHEET.

EXAMPLE:

CODE NO.

TYPE OF ACTION (SPECIFY)

TRACK

IS THIS A JURY CASE?

803

Motor Vehicle Negligence-Personal Injury

(F)

[X]Yes []

SUPERIOR COURT RULE 29

DUTY OF THE PLAINTIFF. The plaintiff or his/her counsel shall set forth, on the face sheet (or attach additional sheets as necessary), a statement specifying in full and itemized detail the facts upon which the plaintiff then relies as constituting money damages. A copy of such civil action cover sheet, including the statement as to the damages, shall be served on the defendant together with the complaint. If a statement of money damages, where appropriate is not filled, the Clerk-Magistrate shall transfer the action as provided in Rule 29(5)(C).

DUTY OF THE DEFENDANT. Should the defendant believe the statement of damages filed by the plaintiff in any respect inadequate, he or his counsel may file with the answer a statement specifying in reasonable detail the potential damages which may result should the plaintiff prevail. Such statement, if any, shall be served with the answer.

A CIVIL ACTION COVER SHEET MUST BE FILED WITH EACH COMPLAINT.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS COVER SHEET THOROUGHLY AND ACCURATELY MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THIS ACTION.

3/28/13

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, SS

SUPERIOR COURT DEPT.

C.A. NO. <u>13-0</u>224-A

Rachel Imperial,

Plaintiff,

-against
Greentree Servicing LLC,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Now come the named Plaintiff and states the following as her Complaint:

OVERVIEW

This action arises out of Defendants' repeated violations of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 93A § 2, et seq. ("MCPA"), Massachusetts Debt Collection Regulations, 940 CMR § 7.00 et seq. ("MDCR"), and the invasions of Plaintiff's personal privacy by the Defendants and its agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.

PARTIES

- The Plaintiff, Rachel Imperial ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Brockton, Plymouth County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is a "debtor" as defined by 940 CMR § 7.03.
- The Defendant, Greentree Servicing LLC ("Greentree"), is a Minnesota business entity with an address of 345 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102, and is a "creditor" as defined by 940 CMR § 7.03.

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A. The Debt

- The Plaintiff incurred a financial obligation (the "Debt") to Greentree.
- 4. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes and which meets the definition of a "debt" under 940 CMR § 7.03.
- 5. The Defendants attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in "communications" as defined in 940 CMR § 7.03.

B. Greentree Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics

- 6. Within the last year, Greentree contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the Debt.
- 7. Greentree called Plaintiff at an excessive and harassing rate, placing seven to eight calls to Plaintiff's residential telephone on a daily basis.
- Plaintiff entered into a payment arrangement with Greentree and has been making monthly payments toward the Debt as agreed.
- 9. Despite having a payment arrangement in place and receiving monthly payments from Plaintiff, Greentree thereafter continued dialing Plaintiff's telephone up to five times per day, multiple times per week for successive weeks.
- Furthermore, Greentree called Plaintiff's relatives and neighbors and left messages disclosing the nature of the calls.
- 11. Such disclosure of Plaintiff's private affairs caused Plaintiff a great deal of embarrassment and humiliation.

C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

- 12. The Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 13. As a direct consequence of the Defendants' acts, practices and conduct, the Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration and embarrassment.
- 14. The Defendants' conduct was so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.

COUNT I

VIOLATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, M.G.L. c. 93A § 2, et seq. and MASSACHUSETTS DEBT COLLECTION REGULATIONS, 940 CMR § 7.00 et seq.

- 15. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 16. The Defendants engaged the Plaintiff in communication via telephone, initiated by the Defendants, in excess of two calls in each seven-day period at the Plaintiff's residence and two calls in each 30-day period other than at the Plaintiff's residence, for each debt, in violation of 940 CMR § 7.04(1)(f).
- 17. The Defendants contacted or threatened to contact persons, other than the Plaintiff and those residing in the Plaintiff's household, and implied the fact of the debt to any such person, in violation of 940 CMR § 7.06(1)(a).
- 18, The Defendant's failure to comply with these provisions constitutes an unfair or deceptive act under M.G.L. c. 93A § 9 and 940 CMR § 7.00 et seq. and, as such, the Plaintiff is entitled to double or treble damages plus reasonable attorney's fees.

COUNT II INVASION OF PRIVACY BY INTRUSION UPON SECLUSION

- 19. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 20. The Restatement of Torts, Second, § 652(b) defines intrusion upon seclusion as, "One who intentionally intrudes...upon the solitude or seclusion of another, or his private affairs or concerns, is subject to liability to the other for invasion of privacy, if the intrusion would be highly offensive to a reasonable person."
- 21. Massachusetts further recognizes the Plaintiff's right to be free from invasions of privacy, thus Defendant violated Massachusetts state law.
- 22. The Defendant intentionally intruded upon Plaintiff's right to privacy by continually harassing the Plaintiff with the above referenced telephone calls and calls to Plaintiff's relatives and neighbors.
- 23. The telephone calls made by the Defendants to the Plaintiff were so persistent and repeated with such frequency as to

- be considered, "hounding the plaintiff," and, "a substantial burden to her existence," thus satisfying the Restatement of Torts, Second, § 652(b) requirement for an invasion of privacy.
- 24. The conduct of the Defendants in engaging in the illegal collection activities resulted in multiple invasions of privacy in such a way as would be considered highly offensive to a reasonable person.
- 25. As a result of the intrusions and invasions, the Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial from Defendant.
- 26. All acts of the Defendants and its agents were committed with malice, intent, wantonness, and recklessness, and as such, Defendant is subject to punitive damages.

COUNT III INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 27. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 28. The acts, practices and conduct engaged in by the Defendants vis-à-vis the Plaintiff was so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.
- 29. The foregoing conduct constitutes the tort of intentional infliction of emotional distress under the laws of the State of Massachusetts.
- 30. All acts of Defendants and the Collectors complained of herein were committed with malice, intent, wantonness, and recklessness, and as such, Defendants are subject to imposition of punitive damages.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendants:

- Double or treble damages plus reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93A § 3(A);
- Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93A § 3(A) against Defendants;

- 3. Actual damages from Defendants for the all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent MCPA and MDCR violations and intentional, reckless, and/or negligent invasions of privacy in an amount to be determined at trial for the Plaintiff;
- 4. Punitive damages; and
- 5. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

THE PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL ISSUES

Respectfully submitted,

Βv

Sergei Lemberg (BBO# 650671) LEMBERG & ASSOCIATES L.L.C. 1100 Summer Street, 3rd Floor Stamford, CT 06905

Telephone: (203) 653-2250 Facsimile: (877) 795-3666 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated: February 25, 2013

Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Plymouth The Superior Court

Plymouth, ss

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RE: Imperial v Greentree Servicing LLC

TO: Sergei Lemberg, Esquire Lemberg & Associates LLC 1100 Summer Street, 3rd Floor Stamford, CT 06905-5534

NOTICE OF DOCKET ENTRY

You are hereby notified that on 03/04/2013 the following entry was made on the above referenced docket:

Session assignment Civil A - CtRm 5 (Brockton) located at CtRm 5 (72 Belmont Street, Brockton) for all future activity.

Dated at Brockton, Massachusetts this 4th day of March, 2013.

Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Clerk of the Courts

> BY: David M. Biggs Assistant Clerk

Telephone: (508) 583-8250 ext. 305